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In the Claims

The status of claims in the case is as follows:

1 1. [Currently amended] A method for operating a server for
2 establishing a chat session between two users managing
3 message communications in a network system, including a
4 first user desiring to establish a chat session with a
5 second user which does not have a chat application open,
6 comprising:

7 said first user downloading from said server browser
8 executable code for initiating a chat session;

9 said first user executing said browser executable code
10 to display at a first browser window a chat invitation
11 form including a header field, an instruction field,
12 one or more fields for entering user identifiers, and a
13 message field;

14 said first user entering to said chat invitation form
15 one or more user identifiers including a user
16 identifier for said second user, and optionally a
17 message to said message field;

18 first receiving from a receiving at said server from
19 said first user a request to enter chat mode with a
20 second user;

21 second receiving asynchronously at said server from
22 said second user a request an HTTP request to download

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23 content any content from said server or any other
24 intranet or Intranet server, said second user not
25 currently executing a chat applet instance and being
26 unaware of said request from said first user to enter
27 chat mode;

28 said server responding to said HTTP request from said
29 second user with an HTTP response including said
30 content modified with a chat user interface to open a
31 browser window including a header field, a messages
32 field, and a response field, which browser window
33 downloads a chat applet instance for execution at said
34 second user;

35 executing said chat applet instance at said second user
36 to instantiate a chat session between said first user
37 and said second user; and

38 establishing a persistent connection between said
39 second browser and said server to establish a channel
40 for message exchange between said first and second
41 browsers with said server acting as proxy.

2-4. [Canceled]

1 5. [Currently amended] The method of ~~claim 4~~ claim 1,
2 further comprising:

3 authenticating said first user to a message engine at
4 said server to enable unicast messaging capabilities;
5 and thereafter

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6 serving to said first user, in response to an
7 asynchronous message from said first user requesting
8 server content, a user interface to a collaboration
9 tool for conveying text and/or multimedia messages with
10 respect to said first user and an administration
11 server.

6-12. [Canceled]

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